

OWEN COUNTY, INDIANA

Highlights



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Introduction

The first edition of the *County Highlights* was published in 1993. Lillian Miles, then Labor Market Analyst for the Gary Primary Metropolitan Statistical Area, originated the idea for this descriptive area publication.

Highlights are now a web publication and, as a result, the data can be updated throughout the year, not just on an annual basis. These *Highlights* are available in easy-to-use web format but are also printable and e-mailable and provide a snapshot of critical population and workforce statistics for each of Indiana’s 92 counties, 11 Economic Growth Regions, and the State of Indiana.

Each *Highlights* includes an overview of the demographics and workforce of an area, from its population to the size of its labor force and the industry mix of jobs and wages.

Do not hesitate to contact your regional analyst, Kim Stevenson (812) 234-6602 x327, if you need further information about your area.



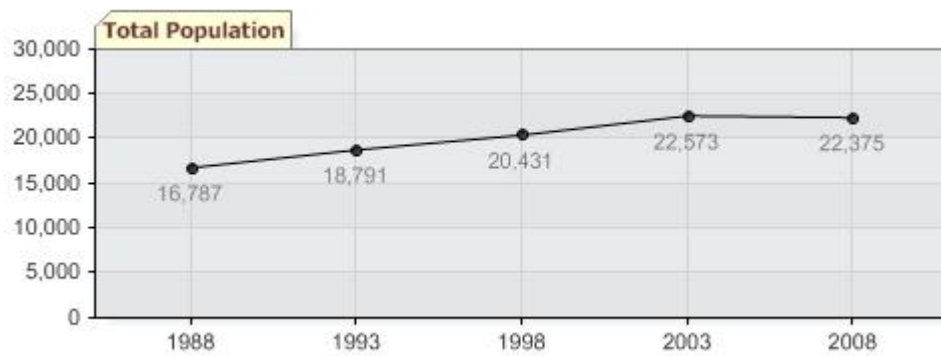
Location

Owen County is located in south central Indiana. The county is bordered on the south by Greene County. Morgan and Monroe Counties are adjacent to Owen County on the east, Putnam County to the north, and Clay County to the west. Owen County is one of the eight counties located in the area designated by the Indiana Department of Workforce Development as Economic Growth Region 8. Owen County along with Greene and Monroe Counties in Indiana are part of the Bloomington Metropolitan Statistical Area.

Population

A region's economy thrives or dives because of the people who choose to live there. That choice may occur by being born there and desiring to stay, or a more deliberate one of choosing to relocate from somewhere else. Monitoring change in the size and movement of population is an important barometer of well-being. Some of us monitor these changes as an insect might gauge the shifting sands while most don't pay much attention. But the barometer is a good metaphor for population change since it can presage more notable events, such as lackluster business attraction due to lack of workers.

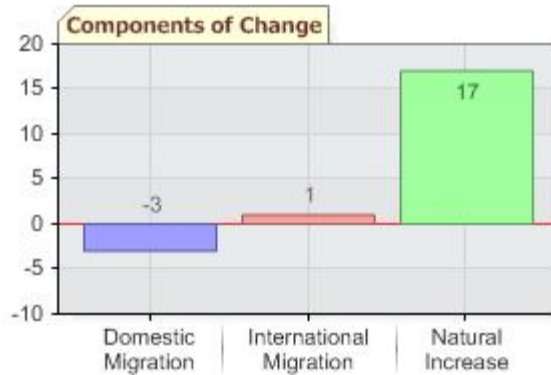
Population Over Time					
	1988	1993	1998	2003	2008
Total Population	16,787	18,791	20,431	22,573	22,375
Change Since 1988		2,004	3,644	5,786	5,588
Pct. Change Since 1988		11.9%	21.7%	34.5%	33.3%



Source: US Census Bureau

Components of Population Change 2007 to 2008

	Number
Net Domestic Migration	-3
International Migration	1
Natural Increase (births minus deaths)	17
Births	240
Deaths	223



Source: US Census Bureau

Population Estimates by Age in 2007

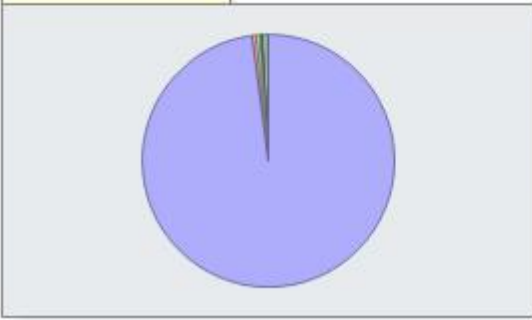
	Number	Pct. Dist
Preschool	1,203	5.4%
School Age	3,867	17.3%
College Age	1,733	7.8%
Young Adult	6,148	27.5%
Older Adult	6,314	28.2%
Older (65 plus)	3,133	14.0%

Source: US Census Bureau

Population Estimates by Race and Hispanic Origin in 2007

	Number	Pct. Dist
American Ind. or Alaskan Native Alone	102	0.5%
Asian Alone	64	0.3%
Black Alone	111	0.5%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pac. Isl. Alone	3	0.0%
White Alone	21,930	98.1%
Two or More Race Groups	188	0.8%

Population by Race



98.11 %	White
0.50 %	Black
0.46 %	Am. Ind or Alaskan Native
0.29 %	Asian
0.01 %	Hawaiian and Pac. Isl
0.84 %	Two or More

Hispanic or Latino

Non-Hispanic or Latino	22,183	99.2%
Hispanic or Latino	215	1.0%

Source: US Census Bureau

Households in 2000

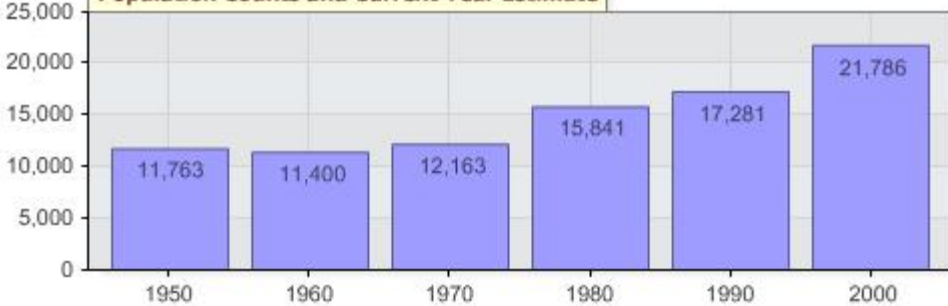
	Number	Pct. Dist
Total Households	8,282	100.0%
Family Households	6,192	74.8%
Married with Children	2,145	25.9%
Married without Children	3,015	36.4%
Single Parents	637	7.7%
Other	395	4.8%
Non-family Households	2,090	25.2%
Living Alone	1,766	21.3%
Average Household Size	2.64	
Average Family Household Size	3.53	

Source: US Census Bureau

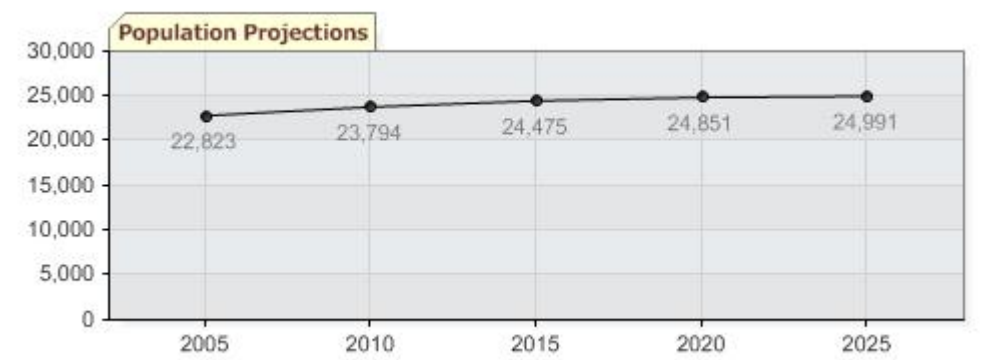
Population Counts by Decade and Current Year Estimate

	Population	Numerical Chg.	Pct. Chg.
1950	11,763	NA	NA
1960	11,400	-363	-3.1%
1970	12,163	763	6.7%
1980	15,841	3,678	30.2%
1990	17,281	1,440	9.1%
April 2000	21,786	4,505	26.1%
2007	N/A	N/A	N/A

Population Counts and Current Year Estimate



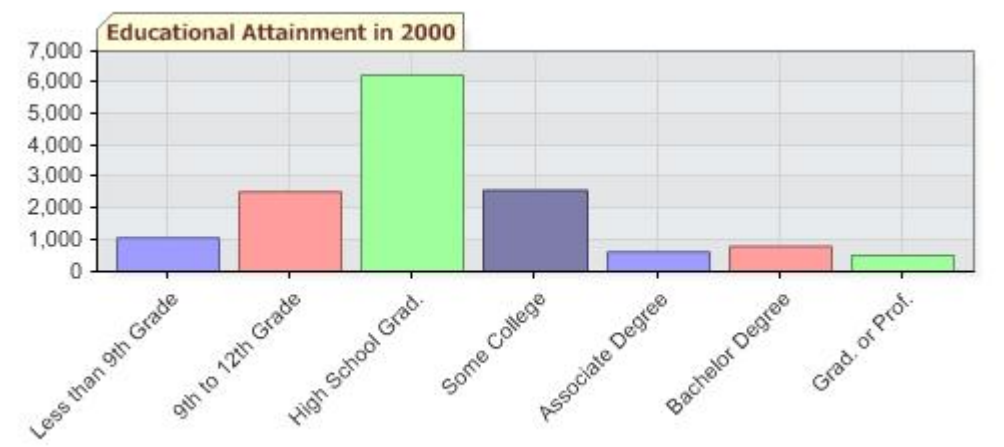
Population Projections					
	2005	2010	2015	2020	2025
Population Projections	22,823	23,794	24,475	24,851	24,991
Change Since 2005		971	1,652	2,028	2,168
Pct. Change Since 2005		4.3%	7.2%	8.9%	9.5%



Education

The level of education of our workforce is a critical factor for economic and community development. It often provides insight into the skill levels of a local area. The metrics provided here focus on the attainment of degrees and high school graduates' higher education intent. The type of work (occupations) residents perform can also assist in understanding skill levels.

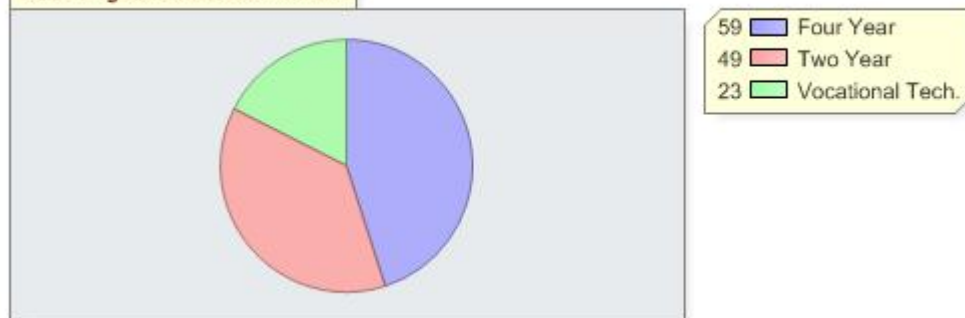
Educational Attainment				
	1970	1980	1990	2000
Total Population 25 and Older	6,985	9,488	11,151	14,384
Less than 9th Grade	2,394	2,056	1,308	1,076
9th to 12th, No Diploma	1,558	1,992	2,453	2,541
High School Graduate (incl. equiv.)	2,479	3,921	4,852	6,244
Some College, No Degree			1,293	2,583
Associate Degree			451	621
Bachelors Degree			431	800
Graduate or Professional Degree			363	519



High School Graduates Going on to Higher Education

	2004	2005	2006	2007
Total Graduates	155	155	166	166
Total to Higher Education	109	107	119	131
Four-Year Institution	53	58	60	59
Two-Year Institution	47	48	41	49
Vocational/Tech.	9	1	18	23
Military	5	3	3	7

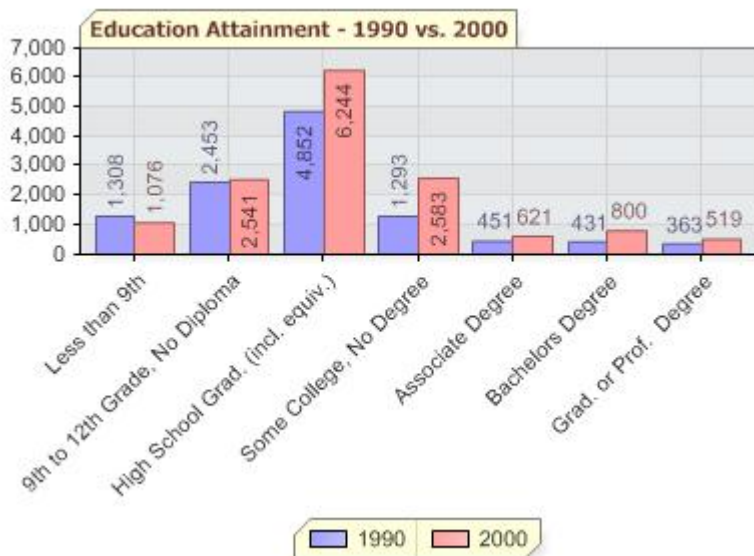
2007 Higher Education Intent



Source: Indiana Department of Education

Educational Attainment in 1990 and 2000

	1990	Pct. of Pop. 25+	2000	Pct. of Pop. 25+
Total Population 25+	11,151	100.0%	14,384	100.0%
Less than 9th Grade	1,308	11.7%	1,076	7.5%
9th to 12th Grade, No Diploma	2,453	22.0%	2,541	17.7%
High School Graduate (incl. equivalency)	4,852	43.5%	6,244	43.4%
Some College, No Degree	1,293	11.6%	2,583	18.0%
Associate Degree	451	4.0%	621	4.3%
Bachelors Degree	431	3.9%	800	5.6%
Graduate or Professional Degree	363	3.3%	519	3.6%

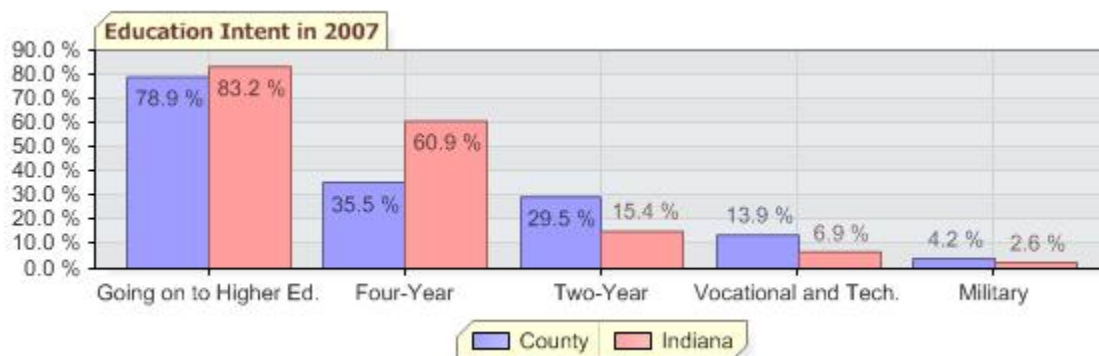


Source: U.S. Census Bureau

High School Graduates Higher Education Intent

	2007 Pct. Dist.	Indiana Pct. Dist.

Graduates	100.0%	100.0%
Total Going on to Higher Education	78.9%	83.2%
Four-Year Institution	35.5%	60.9%
Two-Year Institution	29.5%	15.4%
Vocational and Tech.	13.9%	6.9%
Military	4.2%	2.6%



Source: Indiana Department of Education

Commuting

In Indiana, most workers commute to a job, either within their home county or beyond. Patterns of commuting are significant in showing the labor supply. The county *labor force* represents workers who reside in the county no matter where they work. Two types of commuting patterns are provided here - the Census 2000 *benchmark* and the annual data tabulated from state income tax returns that can help provide a more current view.

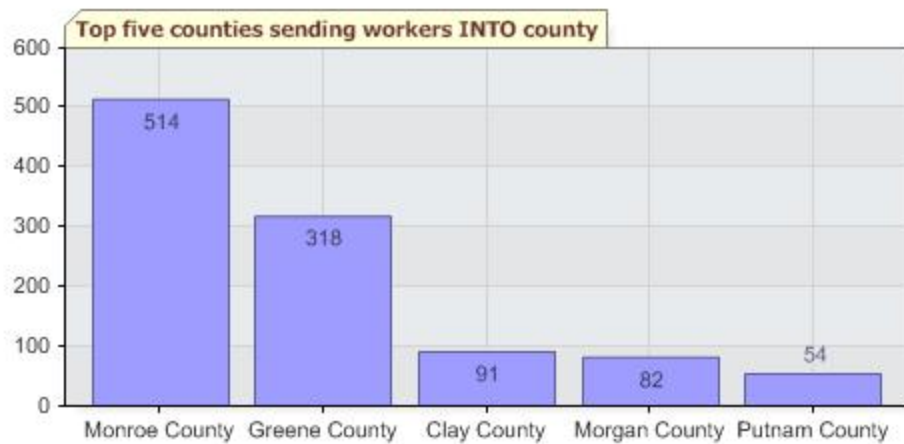
Commuting Data, 2007

	Number
Number of tax filers who live in county and work	14,077
Number of tax filers who work in the county	9,924
Number of tax filers who live in county and work in county	8,639
Number of tax filers who live out of the county and work in county	1,285

Source: Indiana Department of Revenue

Commuting Patterns: Top five counties sending workers INTO county, 2007

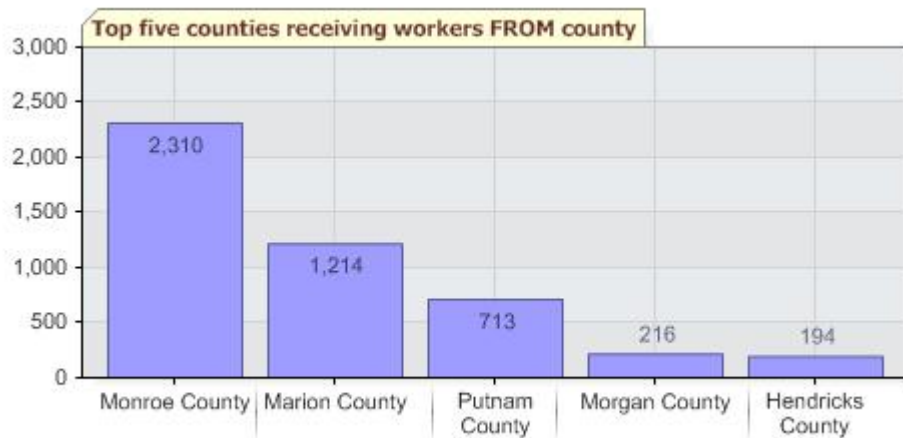
County	Number	Pct. Five County Total
Monroe County	514	53.3%
Greene County	318	33.0%
Clay County	91	9.4%
Morgan County	82	8.5%
Putnam County	54	5.8%



Source: Indiana Department of Revenue

Commuting Patterns: Top five counties receiving workers FROM county, 2007

County	Number	Pct. Five County Total
Monroe County	2,310	49.7%
Marion County	1,214	26.1%
Putnam County	713	15.3%
Morgan County	216	4.6%
Hendricks County	194	4.2%



Source: Indiana Department of Revenue

Travel To Work in 2000

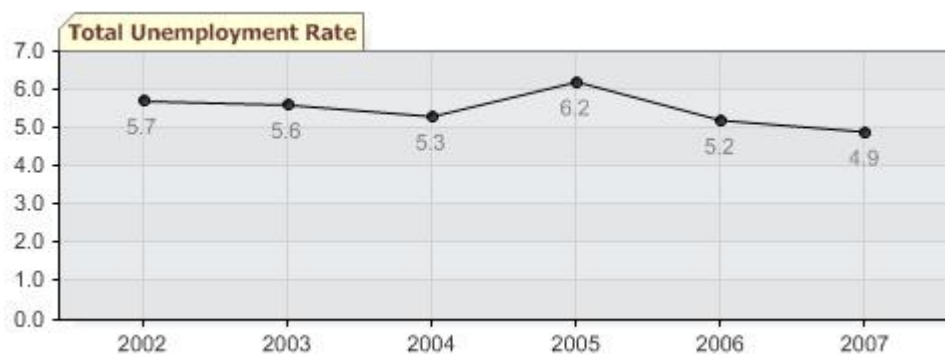
	Number	Pct. Dist
Total Workers Age 16 and Over	10,100	100.0%
Travel To Work	9,738	96.4%
Car, Truck, or Van	9,461	93.7%
Traveled Alone	7,736	76.6%
Carpooled	1,725	17.1%
Used Public Transportation	10	0.1%
Motorcycle, Bicycle, Walked, Other	267	2.6%
Worked At Home	362	3.6%
Average Travel Time (Minutes)	33.6	
Average Travel Time using Public Transportation (Minutes)	10.0	

Labor Force

An area's labor force provides insight on the availability factor and is residence-based - that is, the people are working or seeking work and reside in the particular county or region.

Annual Labor Force Estimates in 2007

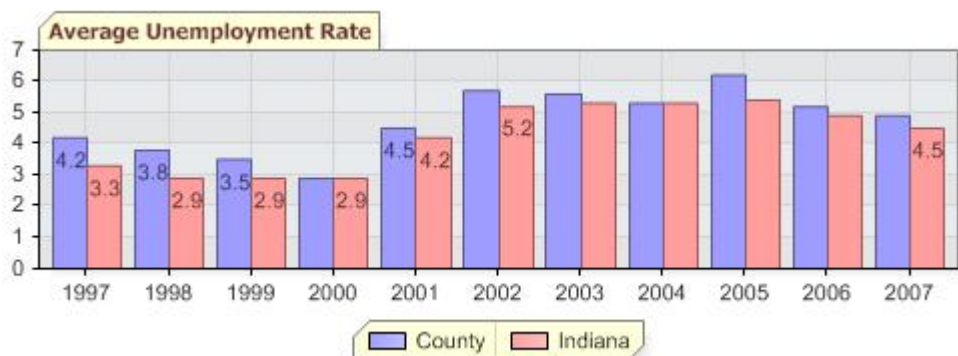
	Number	Pct. Chg. from 2000
Labor Force	11,238	4.0%
Employed	10,686	1.9%
Unemployed	552	74.1%
Rate	4.9	69.0%



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics

Labor Force Estimates

	Labor Force	Emp.	Unemp.	Cnty. Rate	State Rate
1997	10,722	10,271	451	4.2	3.3
1998	10,696	10,293	403	3.8	2.9
1999	11,051	10,668	383	3.5	2.9
2000	10,802	10,485	317	2.9	2.9
2001	11,141	10,641	500	4.5	4.2
2002	11,484	10,826	658	5.7	5.2
2003	11,642	10,990	652	5.6	5.3
2004	11,638	11,021	617	5.3	5.3
2005	11,744	11,020	724	6.2	5.4
2006	11,700	11,086	614	5.2	4.9
2007	11,238	10,686	552	4.9	4.5



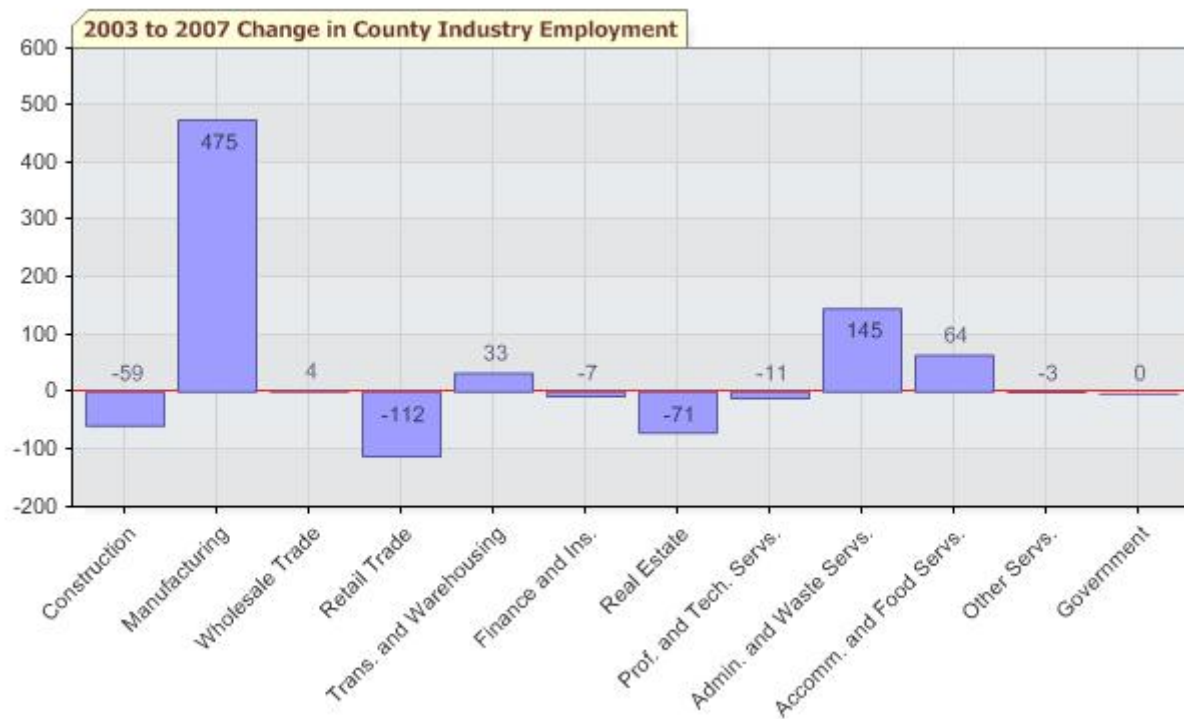
Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics

Employment

Industry employment is tabulated as jobs by place-of-work. Keep in mind that people may hold multiple jobs and that each job is counted by its industry.

Average Employment by Sector

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	Change 2003-2007	% Change 2003-2007
Total Employment	4,423	4,437	4,621	4,746	4,987	564	12.75%
Total Private Employment	3,533	3,557	3,744	3,868	4,097	564	15.96%
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing, Hunt	D	D	D	D	D	N/A	N/A
Mining	D	D	12	9	4	N/A	N/A
Construction	182	198	183	160	123	-59	-32.42%
Manufacturing	1,464	1,499	1,678	1,813	1,939	475	32.45%
Wholesale Trade	64	74	68	68	68	4	6.25%
Retail Trade	533	487	465	427	421	-112	-21.01%
Transport. and Warehousing	100	104	109	118	133	33	33.00%
Utilities	D	D	D	D	D	N/A	N/A
Information	D	D	D	D	D	N/A	N/A
Finance and Insurance	141	136	139	138	134	-7	-4.96%
Real Estate, Rental, Leasing	82	61	40	12	11	-71	-86.59%
Professional and Tech. Servs.	82	79	76	75	71	-11	-13.41%
Mgmt. of Companies	0	0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A
Admin. and Waste Services	22	31	33	70	167	145	659.09%
Educational Services	0	0	9	D	D	N/A	N/A
Health Care and Social Assistance	317	294	337	395	404	N/A	N/A
Arts, Entertain., and Recreation	D	D	D	16	D	N/A	N/A
Accommodation and Food Service	305	348	368	351	369	64	20.98%
Other Services	111	115	112	105	108	-3	-2.70%
Federal, State, & Local Govt.	890	880	877	878	890	0	0.00%

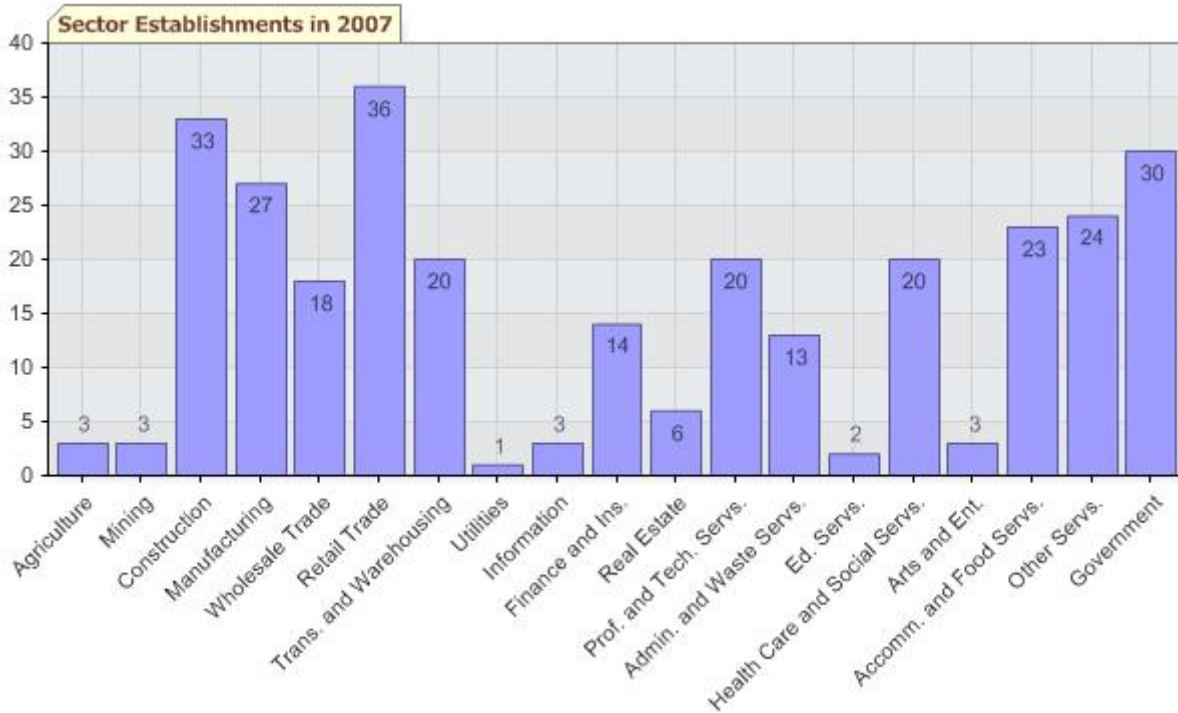


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Establishments by Sector

Change % Change

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2003-2007	2003-2007
Total Establishments	314	314	301	297	300	-14	-4.46%
Total Private Establishments	287	287	274	269	270	-17	-5.92%
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing, Hunt	D	D	D	D	D	N/A	N/A
Mining	D	D	3	3	3	N/A	N/A
Construction	42	43	41	39	33	-9	-21.43%
Manufacturing	26	25	25	27	27	1	3.85%
Wholesale Trade	16	16	16	18	18	2	12.50%
Retail Trade	42	42	39	35	36	-6	-14.29%
Transport. and Warehousing	28	27	21	21	20	-8	-28.57%
Utilities	D	D	D	D	D	N/A	N/A
Information	D	D	D	D	D	N/A	N/A
Finance and Insurance	12	11	12	14	14	2	16.67%
Real Estate, Rental, Leasing	8	8	6	5	6	-2	-25.00%
Professional and Tech. Servs.	22	24	23	22	20	-2	-9.09%
Mgmt. of Companies	0	0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A
Admin. and Waste Services	11	13	10	11	13	2	18.18%
Educational Services	0	0	3	D	D	N/A	N/A
Health Care and Social Assistance	17	17	19	19	20	3	17.65%
Arts, Entertain., and Recreation	D	D	D	3	D	N/A	N/A
Accommodation and Food Service	21	22	21	22	23	2	9.52%
Other Services	28	28	26	23	24	-4	-14.29%
Federal, State, & Local Govt.	27	27	27	28	30	3	11.11%



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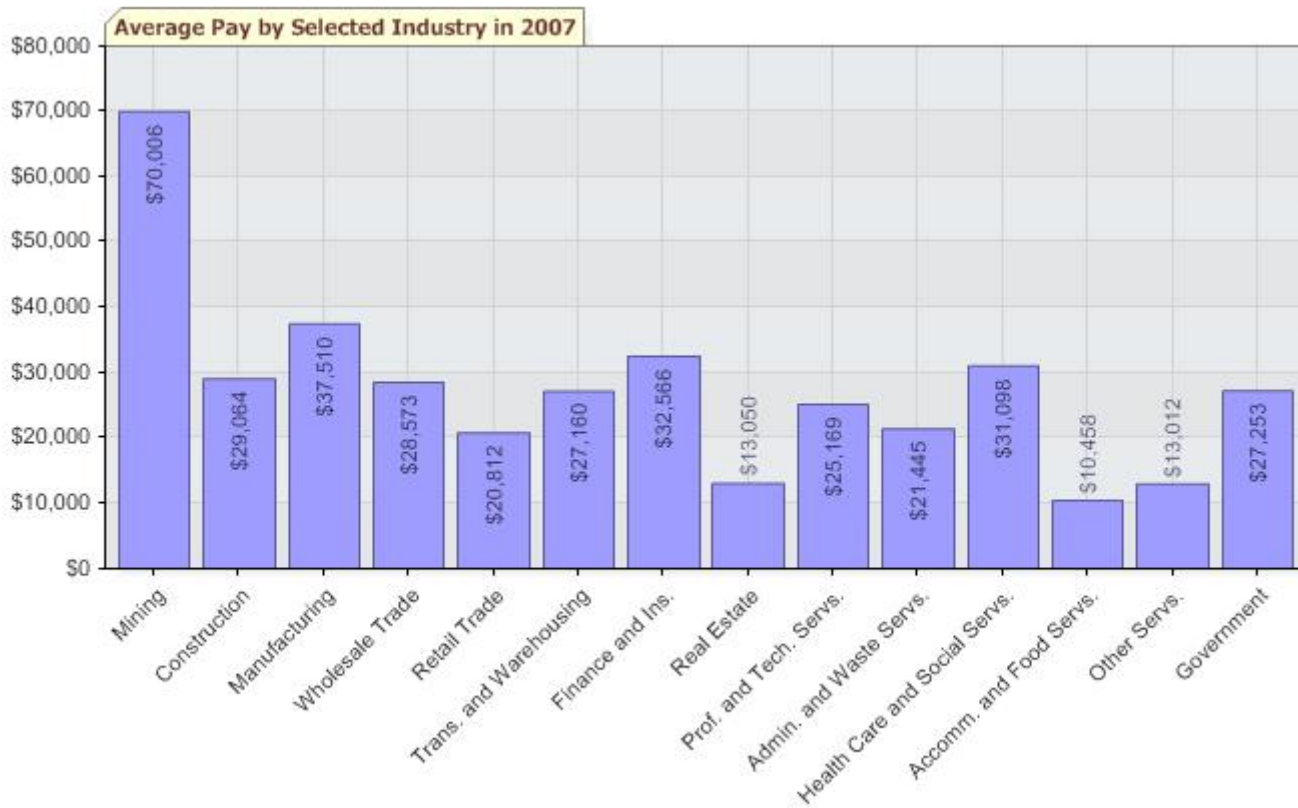
Earnings and Income

Industry employment is tabulated as jobs by place-of-work. Keep in mind that people may hold multiple jobs and that each job is counted by its industry. Note: The income figures and changes are not adjusted for inflation.

Average Annual Earnings by Industry

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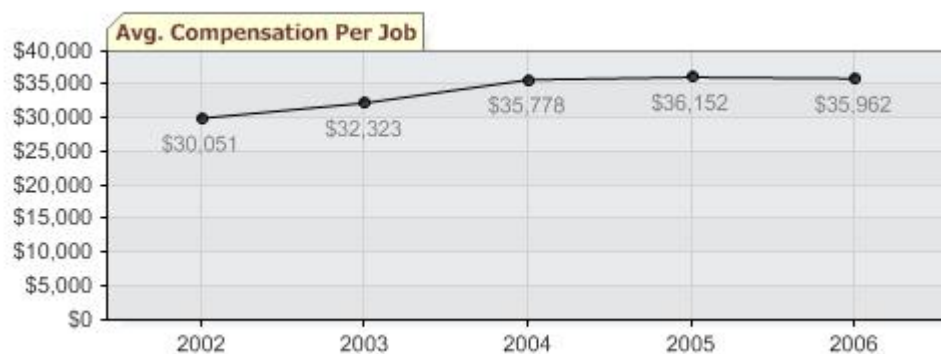
	2003	2007	2003-2007	2003-2007	2007	State
All Industries	\$25,972	\$29,572	\$3,599	13.9%	\$37,530	78.8%
Ag., For., Fishing, & Hunt.	D	D	N/A	N/A	\$28,008	N/A
Mining	D	\$70,006	N/A	N/A	\$57,315	122.1%
Construction	\$26,429	\$29,064	\$2,635	10.0%	\$44,754	64.9%
Manufacturing	\$35,210	\$37,510	\$2,300	6.5%	\$51,148	73.3%
Wholesale Trade	\$22,666	\$28,573	\$5,907	26.1%	\$51,432	55.6%
Retail Trade	\$16,592	\$20,812	\$4,221	25.4%	\$22,581	92.2%
Trans. & Warehousing	\$22,955	\$27,160	\$4,206	18.3%	\$38,012	71.5%
Utilities	D	D	N/A	N/A	\$68,267	N/A
Information	D	D	N/A	N/A	\$46,311	N/A
Finance & Insurance	\$31,093	\$32,566	\$1,473	4.7%	\$52,649	61.9%
Real Est., Rent., Leasing	\$9,188	\$13,050	\$3,862	42.0%	\$32,614	40.0%
Prof. & Tech. Svcs.	\$25,687	\$25,169	-\$518	-2.0%	\$51,451	48.9%
Mgt.of Companies	0	0	N/A	N/A	\$72,682	N/A
Admin. & Waste Svcs.	\$18,800	\$21,445	\$2,646	14.1%	\$24,934	86.0%
Education Svcs.	0	D	N/A	N/A	\$31,029	N/A
Health Care & Social Assist.	\$23,680	\$31,098	\$7,418	31.3%	\$37,706	82.5%
Arts, Ent. & Rec.	D	D	N/A	N/A	\$29,251	N/A
Accom. & Food Svcs.	\$9,768	\$10,458	\$690	7.1%	\$12,442	84.1%
Other Svcs.	\$14,024	\$13,012	-\$1,013	-7.2%	\$24,862	52.3%
Fed.I, State & Local Govt.	\$25,448	\$27,253	\$1,805	7.1%	\$37,054	73.5%



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Average Compensation Per Job Over Time

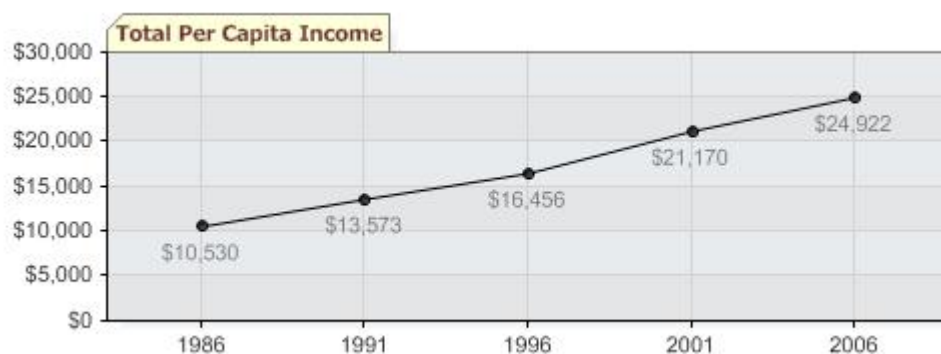
	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Avg. Compensation per Job	\$30,051	\$32,323	\$35,778	\$36,152	\$35,962
Change Since 2002		\$2,272	\$5,727	\$6,101	\$5,911
Pct. Change Since 2002		7.6%	19.1%	20.3%	19.7%



Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis

Per Capita Income Over Time

	1986	1991	1996	2001	2006
Total Per Capita Income	\$10,530	\$13,573	\$16,456	\$21,170	\$24,922
Change Since 1986		\$3,043	\$5,926	\$10,640	\$14,392
Pct. Change Since 1986		28.9%	56.3%	101.0%	136.7%



Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis

Income & Wage

	Number
Median family income in 2007 (ACS)	N/A
Median household income in 2007 (ACS)	N/A
Average Wage Per Job in 2007 (BLS)	\$29,570
Wage Growth since 1997 (BLS)	51.6%

Source: US Census Bureau & Bureau of Labor Statistics

Firms and Employment by Size

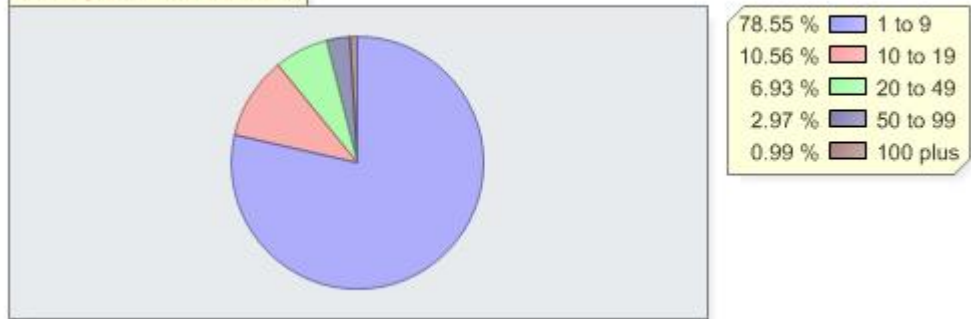
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County Business Patterns, 2006

	Establishments	Number Chg. 01 to 06	Pct.Chg. 01 to 06	Pct. of Total
1-9 employees	238	-6	-2.5%	78.5%
10-19 employees	32	-5	-13.5%	10.6%
20-49 employees	21	-1	-4.5%	6.9%

50-99 employees	9	2	28.6%	3.0%
100 plus employees	3	-1	-25.0%	1.0%
TOTAL	303	-11	-3.5%	100.0%

County Business Patterns

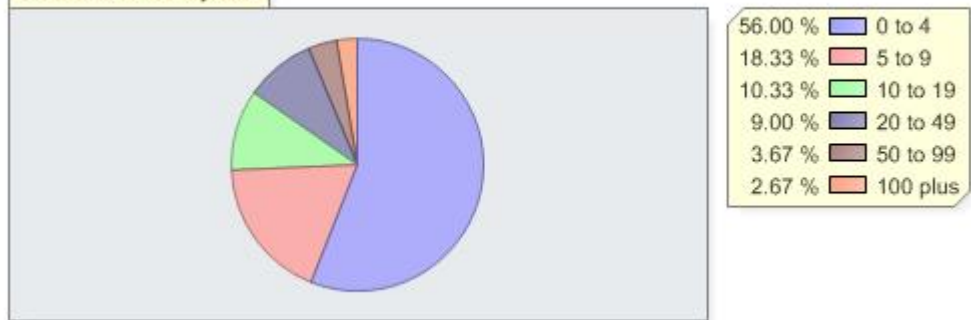


Source: U.S. Census Bureau

Firms by Size, 2008:3

	Number of Business Units, 2008:2	Pct. of Total
0 to 4 employees	168	56.0%
5 to 9 employees	55	18.3%
10 to 19 employees	31	10.3%
20 to 49 employees	27	9.0%
50 to 99 employees	11	3.7%
100 plus employees	8	2.7%
TOTAL	300	100.0%

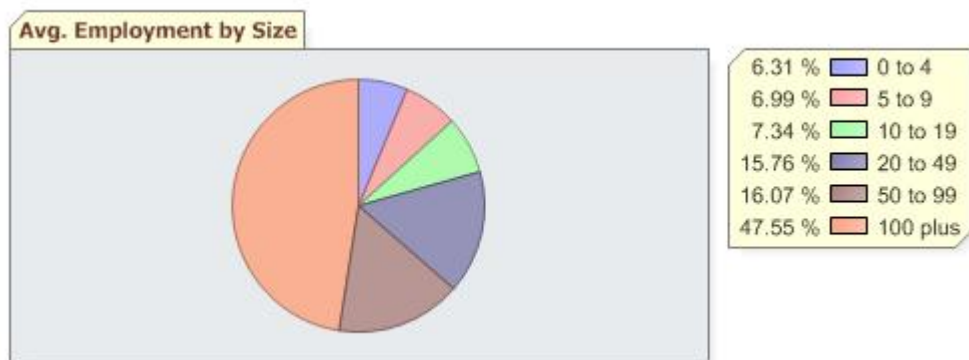
Business Units by Size



Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Research & Analysis, Covered Employment; Note: Business Units with zero employees and Federal Government Employees are included.

Avg. Employment by Business Unit Size, 2008:3

	Avg. Employment, 2008:2	Pct. of Total
0 to 4 employees	323	6.3%
5 to 9 employees	358	7.0%
10 to 19 employees	376	7.3%
20 to 49 employees	807	15.8%
50 to 99 employees	823	16.1%
100 plus employees	2,435	47.5%
TOTAL	5,121	100.0%



Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Research & Analysis, Covered Employment; Note: Business Units with zero employees and Federal Government Employees are included.